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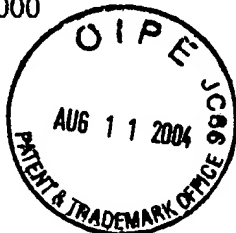
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- ☒ A return postcard.
- ☒ An Amendment and Response (15 Pages).
- ☒ Corrected Formal Drawings (37 pgs.).
- ☒ Clean Version of Specification (97 pgs.).
- ☒ Marked-Up Version of Specification (97 pgs.).

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Formal drawings are enclosed herewith. Please substitute these for the informal drawings in the file.

As described in greater detail below, the formal drawings include new FIGS. 20A-K, which incorporate previous Tables 1-11 from Appendix A. The formal drawings also include new FIGS. 21A-O, which incorporate previous Algorithms 1-15 from Appendix B.